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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF RUTH CARTER STAPLETON

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1. CHARGE MET WITH PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL MORNING SEPT 9 TO
PROVIDE HIM WITH LATEST INFORMATION ON MRS. STAPLETON'S
PLANS AND TO WORK OUT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR HER VISIT.
CHARGE LATER MET WITH MR. HERMINA TO COORDINATE PROGRAM
WITH HIM. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE RESULTING FROM
THESE TWO MEETINGS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

-- 11:00 AM - MRS. STAPLETON AND PARTY ARRIVE AT CAIRO
AIRPORT AND ARE TAKEN FROM AIRCRAFT TO PRESIDENTIAL
PAVILLION WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY MINISTER OF SOCIAL
AFFAIRS DR. AMAL OSMAN, MR. HERMINA AND CHARGE. TWO
PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO STAPLETON
PARTY THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY. DR. OSMAN WILL ESCORT MRS.

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STAPLETON TO HOTEL. (PRESIDENCY HAS REQUESTED A SUITE
AND THREE SINGLES FOR NIGHTS OF 12TH AND 13TH AT HILTON,
SHERATON OR MERIDIEN. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS WE LEARN
WHICH HOTEL CAN PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS.)

-- 12:30 PM (APPROX) - ARRIVE AT HOTEL. FREE TIME FOR
LUNCH AND SIGHTSEEING AS DESIRED.

-- 6:00 PM - (TENTATIVE) MRS. HOSNI MUBARAK WILL HOST

SMALL TEA PARTY EITHER AT HER HOME AT AROUBA PALACE OR AT OTHER LOCATION, DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF GUESTS SHE INVITES IN ADDITION TO STAPLETON PARTY AND DR. OSMAN. (PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT MRS. MUBARAK WILL BE MRS. STAPLETON'S OFFICIAL HOSTESS FOR VISIT.)

-- EVENING FREE.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

-- 9:00 AM - VISIT CAIRO ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM (GUIDE WILL BE PROVIDED).

-- 11:30 AM TO 4:30 PM - DURING THIS PERIOD MR. HERMINA WILL SET UP MEETING WITH CHRISTIAN LEADERS, VISIT TO COPTIC CATHEDRAL AS WELL AS TO COPTIC MUSEUM, TIME PERMITTING.

-- 5:00 PM - DEPART HOTEL TO VISIT PYRAMIDS BY DAYLIGHT, ESCORTED BY WIFE OF GOVERNOR OF GIZA (CAIRO DISTRICT WHERE PYRAMIDS ARE LOCATED), FOLLOWED BY TEA AT NEARBY HISTORIC MENA HOUSE HOTEL.

-- 7:30 PM - SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW IN ENGLISH AT PYRAMIDS.

-- EVENING FREE IN VIEW OF EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE.
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

-- 5:00 AM - DEPART HOTEL FOR AIRPORT.

-- 6:00 AM - DEPARTURE ON TWA 803 FOR PARIS.

2. ABOVE SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE AND CAN BE ALTERED TO SUIT MRS. STAPLETON'S DESIRES. PRESIDENCY BELIEVES MRS. MUBARAK'S TEA PARTY WILL BE GIVEN ON AFTERNOON OF SEPT 12 RATHER THAN ON 13TH SO AS TO NOT INTERFERE WITH SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW, BUT THIS STILL MUST BE CONFIRMED.

3. MR. HERMINA (AS WELL AS EMBASSY) REGRETS THAT MRS. STAPLETON'S VISIT WILL BE SO SHORT, AS HE HAD HOPED TO ARRANGE FOR FRIDAY MEETING WITH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN CAIRO AND ALSO FOR TRIP TO LUXOR. TRIP TO LUXOR REQUIRES AT MINIMUM A FULL DAY AND THIS WOULD FORCE CANCELLATION OF OTHER VISITS AND MEETINGS. WE REGRETFULLY CONCLUDED THAT VISIT TO LUXOR AS WELL AS MEETING WITH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE TO BE POSTPONED FOR LATER VISIT BY MRS. STAPLETON. CHARGE ASSURED MR. HERMINA THAT MRS. STAPLETON'S PRIMARY PURPOSE IN VISITING EGYPT IS TO MEET WITH CHRISTIAN LEADERS AS ARRANGED BY MR. HERMINA. LATTER

IS MEETING LATER TODAY WITH POPE SHENUDA AND OTHER CHRISTIAN LEADERS TO ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR MID-DAY OF SEPT 13. HE SAW NO PROBLEM IN THIS REGARD.

4. EMBASSY HAS CANCELLED LONDON RESERVATIONS FOR DR. MCBIRNIE AND MRS. MATTAR AND HAS CONFIRMED ECONOMY SEATS FOR THEM AS WELL AS MR. MAXA WITH STAPLETONS ON TWA 803 SEPT 14 TO PARIS.

5. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN PRESIDENCY HAS REPUTATION FOR EFFICIENCY AND WE ARE SURE THAT MRS. STAPLETON AND HER PARTY WILL BE WELL TAKEN CARE OF. PRESIDENCY INSISTS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR MRS. STAPLETON, BUT ASSURES US

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THIS WILL BE DONE IN LOW-KEY AND UNOBTRUSIVE FASHION, EXCEPT DURING VEHICLE TRAVEL WHEN POLICE LEAD CAR WILL BE USED TO EXPEDITE MOVEMENT THROUGH CAIRO'S HORRENDOUS TRAFFIC. CHARGE EMPHASIZED THAT MRS. STAPLETON'S VISIT WAS STRICTLY PRIVATE, BUT PRESIDENCY FEELS UNDER OBLIGATION TO ASSURE THAT ALL GOES SMOOTHLY, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES THEY ARE RIGHT. EMBASSY STANDS READY TO BE OF WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT CAN PROVIDE TO MAKE MRS. STAPLETON'S ALL TOO BRIEF VISIT INTERESTING, ENJOYABLE AND USEFUL. PLEASE ADVISE IF ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS SATISFACTORY. MATTHEWS

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